

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-14 and 24-27. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the conditional allowability of Claims 15-16, 20-21, and 28. Claim 15 was objected to as being an improperly written multiple dependent claim. Accordingly, Claim 15 was canceled and rewritten as new Claims 29-42. Claims 20-21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, Claims 20-21 have been rewritten as new Claims 47-48 to include all of the limitations of their base claim. Also, Claim 28 was objected to as being an improperly written multiple dependent claim. Accordingly, Claim 28 was canceled and rewritten as new Claims 43-46.

Claims 17-19 and 22-23 have been canceled without prejudice and may be pursued by applicants in a later-filed application. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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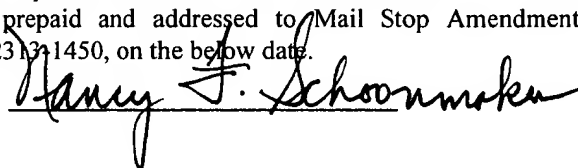


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